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FM JANKOWITSCH PRAISES AUSTRIAN-U.S. RELATIONS _______

1. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF "DIE PRESSE" GEORG POSSANNER, FM PETER JANKOWITSCH EXPRESSED "GREAT SATISFACTION" WITH US-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS DURING HIS MEETING WITH U.S. VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH. JANKOWITSCH SAID BUSH'S ASSESSMENT OF THE WALDHEIM CASE DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THAT OF THOSE U.S. MEDIA WHICH ENGAGED IN THE ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN. JANKOWITSCH FURTHER STATED THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE "DEBATE" MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS. WITH REGARD

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TO AUSTRIA'S "BLURRED" IMAGE IN THE U.S. OVER THE LAST MONTHS, THE FM FELT THAT A PROCESS OF RE-EVALUATION HAS STARTED IN THE U.S.. CONCERNING THE PENDING U.S. GOVERNMENT DECISION TO PLACE WALDHEIM ON A SO-CALLED "WATCH LIST", JANKOWITSCH SAID: "THE ADMINISTRATION KNOWS THAT THE DECISION MUST BE WEIGHED CAREFULLY; NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE PERSON, BUT ALSO WITH REGARD TO U.S.-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS". THE TALKS WITH BUSH COVERED THE ENTIRE GAMUT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE REPORT SAID. (DIE PRESSE, P. 2)

CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY RECEIVES AMB. KAMPELMAN

2. DURING A MEETING WITH THE CHIEF U.S. DELEGATE AT THE GENEVA TALKS, AMB. MAX KAMPELMAN, AUSTRIA'S CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY STRESSED THAT THE EUROPEAN NEUTRALS HAVE NOT EXHAUSTED THE MEDIATING ROLE THEY CAN PLAY BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS. KAMPELMAN PRAISED AUSTRIA'S NEUTRALITY DURING HIS TALKS WITH THE CHANCELLOR. (ORF MORNING NEWS, OCTOBER 3)

NEW WJC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST WALDHEIM

3. ACCORDING TO A DOCUMENT RELEASED BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN A SENIOR STAFF MEETING OF OFFICERS OF THE GERMAN ARMY ON AUG 4, 1944, AT WHICH THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HITLER IN JULY 1944 WAS APPARENTLY DISCUSSED. THE WJC NOW REPORTEDLY SAYS THAT THIS PROVES THAT WALDHEIM WAS NOT, AS HE CLAIMS, MERELY A SECRETARY IN THE GERMAN ARMY. ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE NEW CHARGES, PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT WALDHEIM FREQUENTLY ATTENDED WEEKLY MEETINGS OF THE SENIOR STAFF AT WHICH SUCH A REPORT ABOUT THE ATTACK ON HITLER MIGHT HAVE BEEN READ OUT. --- MEANWHILE IN VIENNA, PRESIDENT WALDHEIM SENT A GOOD-WILL MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY ON OCCASION OF THE JEWISH NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS. IN THIS NOTE WALDHEIM EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT ALL AUSTRIAN JEWS WOULD FIND FREEDOM, PEACE AND A SENSE OF BELONGING IN AUSTRIA IN THE YEAR TO COME. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, OCTOBER 3)

AMB. ZIMMERMANN ON CSCE

4. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SOCIALIST DAILY "ARBEITERZEITUNG", AMB. WARREN ZIMMERMANN SAID THE U.S. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE A BALANCED DISCUSSION OF ALL 3 BASKETS. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS DO NOT CONSIDER BASKET III AS IMPORTANT AS QUESTIONS OF SECURITY, ZIMMERMAN SAID. WHEN ASKED ABOUT RECENT STATEMENTS BY SOVIET FM

SHEVARDNADZE, (WHO HAD TOLD FM JANKOWITSCH THAT THE USSR WANTS TO TREAT ALL ASPECTS OF CSCE EQUALLY, ADDING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON BASKET III), ZIMMERMANN SAID THE U.S. WELCOMED SUCH STATEMENTS. CONCERNING NEUTRAL AND NONALIGNED NATIONS, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT DESPITE "A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS", THE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF THESE NATIONS WILL NOT DIMINISH. THEY HAVE ALWAYS REPRESENTED PUBLIC OPINION AND WESTERN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 VIENNA 14837

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VALUES, ZIMMERMANN NOTED. (SOCIALIST AZ, OCTOBER 3)

IGOR ANDROPOV, LEADER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, ON

SCSE

5. IN AN INTERVIEW FOR THE AUSTRIAN CONSERVATIVE DAILY "DIE PRESSE", CHIEF SOVIET DELEGATE AT THE VIENNA CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IGOR ANDROPOV TALKED ABOUT THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CSCE AT STAKE IN THE REVIEW MEETING. IT IS THE OVERALL COMMITMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION TO ACHIVE "PROGRESS IN ALL DIRECTIONS", ANDROPOV SAID. NOTED THAT CDE WAS A "GOOD START". THERE ARE PARTICULARLY "BIG OBSTACLES" IN BASKET II, THE DIPLOMAT STATED. ASKED ABOUT THE SOVIET PERSPECTIVE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIMENSION AT CSCE, ANDROPOV SAID THAT "THE SOVIET PUBLIC IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SOME COUNTRIES". THE USSR FAVORS A SOLUTION OF THE ENTIRE COMPLEX OF THESE PROBLEMS, HE SAID. THE TALKS IN BERN HAVE SHOWN THAT THE USSR HAS A LOT OF IDEAS REGARDING CO-OPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN MATTERS, HE NOTED. THE "CONSTRUCTIVE REALIZATION OF THESE IDEAS DEPENDS ON THE POLITICAL WILL OF ALL 35 NATIONS", ANDROPOV DECLARED. ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE ROLE OF THE NEUTRALS AT CSCE, ANDROPOV SAID THESE NATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MAKING ESSENTIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROCESS. WITH REGARD TO THE VIENNA MANDATE FOR CDE, ANDROPOV SAID THE MANDATE SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE EXTENDED TO MAKE DISARMAMENT THE FOCUS OF THE 2ND PHASE OF CDE. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, OCTOBER 3)

IAEA: U.S. FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION BY ISLAMIC IAEA MEMBERS

6. AT THE IAEA'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN VIENNA THIS

WEEK, FOURTEEN "ISLAMIC NATIONS" HAVE PROPOSED A
RESOLUTION DRAFT DEMANDING AN END TO IAEA COOPERATION
WITH ISRAEL. LEADING THE WESTERN OPPOSITION TO THE
MOVE, THE U.S. HAS ACCUSED THE SPONSORING NATIONS OF
ABUSING THE ORGANIZATION FOR POLITICAL ENDS.
NEVERTHELESS, THE RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED
BY AN IAEA MAJORITY, A REPORT CLAIMED. ALSO AT THE
IAEA SESSION, SEVERAL BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS DEMANDED
THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S IAEA MEMBERSHIP BE SUSPENDED BECAUSE
OF PRETORIA'S APARTHEID POLICIES. (INDEPENDENT DIE
PRESSE, OCTOBER 3)

INTERNATIONAL LIBERAL MOVEMENT (LI) STILL UNDECIDED ON POSSIBLE EXPULSION OF AUSTRIAN FREEDOM PARTY

7. THE PRESIDIUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIBERAL MOVEMENT (LI) HAS DECIDED TO SEND A FACT-FINDING DELEGATION TO AUSTRIA TO ASSESS THE POLITICAL DIRECTION OF THE AUSTRIAN FREEDOM PARTY (FPO). ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE LI'S ANNUAL WORLD CONGRESS IN HAMBURG, THE DUTCH, SWEDISH AND BRITISH LIBERAL PARTIES CALLED FOR THE EXPULSION OF THE AUSTRIAN LIBERALS FROM THE WORLD UNION OF LIBERALS. THE PARTIES CHARGED NEW FPO LEADER JOERG HAIDER IS PURSUING AN EXTREME RIGHT WING COURSE. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, OCTOBER 3)

OUTGOING PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT CALLS FOR RETURN TO POLITICAL ETHICS

8. AT YESTERDAY'S LAST PARLIAMENTARY SESSION BEFORE NATIONAL ELECTIONS NOV 23, OUTGOING, LONG-TIME PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA CALLED FOR A RETURN TO POLITICAL ETHICS AMONG AUSTRIAN PARTIES. BENYA, CONSIDERED A POLITICAL INSTITUTION IN AUSTRIA'S POST-WAR POLITICAL LIFE, SAID THE PUPLIC IS DEEPLY CONCERNED UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 VIENNA 14837

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ABOUT THE POLITICAL STYLE IN AUSTRIA. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ORF NEWS, OCTOBER 3)

PARLIAMENT ENACTS LIMITED TAX REFORM PACKAGE

9. IN ITS LAST SESSION THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A LAW ON A FIRST-STAGE LIMITED TAX REFORM. SOCIALIST AND PEOPLES'S PARTY MP'S DIFFERED SHARPLY IN THEIR VIEWS OF THE BROADER TAX REFORM WHICH HAS BEEN DEMANDED BY ALL PARTIES AFTER THE ELECTIONS. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, OCTOBER 3) LAUDER

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